



**Western Jewish Studies Association  
Annual Meeting  
Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA  
March 26-27, 2017**



**MEETING INFORMATION**

This year's conference will be held on the campus of Claremont McKenna College in Claremont California, approximately 35 miles East of downtown Los Angeles. The conference will gather over 60 scholars from the United States and other countries presenting their research on a variety of topics within Jewish Studies. The panels will feature talks on all aspects of Jewish Studies, with several covering this year's theme on Israel, then and now. The year 2017 marks the anniversary of several notable events in the history of Israel, including the centennial of the Balfour Declaration. Several of the panels will use this occasion to examine aspects of Israeli history and culture.

The keynote address on Sunday night will feature Professor Steven Spiegel, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for Middle East Development at UCLA. Professor Spiegel is an expert in American foreign policy in the Middle East, and particularly Israel. He is the author of *The Other Arab-Israeli Conflict: Making America's Middle East Policy, from Truman to Reagan* (1985), and co-author of *The Peace Puzzle: America's Quest for Arab-Israeli Peace from 1989-2011* (2013).

For the final session, Monday at lunch, we have the good fortune of hearing from and meeting with Ms. Dana Ivgy, actress and film maker, and star of the highly acclaimed film *Zero Motivation*, winner of six Ophir Awards (Israeli Film Academy), including best actress for Ms. Ivgy. Please be sure your plans allow you to stay through Monday at lunch.

Information on conference registration, hotel, and travel information, is available on the conference website at:

<https://www.cmc.edu/religious-studies/western-jewish-studies-association-conference>

Presenters and chairs should notify Professor Gary Gilbert ([ggilbert@cmc.edu](mailto:ggilbert@cmc.edu)) with any scheduling preferences. We will do our best to honor your preferences. For more information on housing and travel, please contact Ms. Neela Silva ([neela.silva@cmc.edu](mailto:neela.silva@cmc.edu)).

This promises to be an exciting and productive conference. We look forward to seeing you in March.

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